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On behalf of the Office of Subsistence Management (OSM), Fishery Information Services, I extend my sincere appreciation for the many outstanding study proposals submitted to the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program for 2007. Sixty-nine projects were considered for 2007, requesting approximately \$7.2 million. All cannot be advanced to the second phase of funding consideration for the Draft 2007 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Plan. Only \$4.3 million will be available to fund Monitoring Program projects in 2007.

The interagency Technical Review Committee (TRC) evaluated each proposal, and the TRC review of your proposal is enclosed (enclosure 1). Based on criteria established by the Federal Subsistence Board, the TRC recommends that forty-four projects (\$4.8 million) be advanced to the second phase of funding consideration. Guidelines to prepare 2007 Investigation Plans will be posted by Wednesday, March 29 on the OSM web page: <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/fisapply.cfm>.

Given the specific prioritized information needs and the limited funding available for 2007, investigators are strongly encouraged to enhance consideration of their investigation plans by seeking matching funds, and in some cases, by reducing costs. Investigation plans should also emphasize opportunities for increased capacity building among Alaska Native and rural organizations.

Proposal Review comments should be addressed in the investigation plan. Investigators are reminded that the OSM must receive your completed investigation plan by May 15, 2006. Investigation plans will undergo review by Fisheries Information Services staff and the interagency Technical Review Committee. The 2007 Draft Fisheries Resource Monitoring Plan will be presented at the fall 2006 Regional Advisory Council meetings. Final decisions on funding will be made by the Federal Subsistence Board in January 2007.

Please contact my staff (enclosure 2) or me (907) 786-3605, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

//s// Steve J. Klein

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